

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A Deviee-device for dosing small-particled pharmaceutical preparations, which comprises comprising:

a chamber (16) for accommodating a larger amount of the preparation, and a dosing element with a dosing chamber-(52) for accommodating a defined partial amount of the preparation, the dosing chamber having releasably fixed volume inserts with different external dimensions in order to set the volume of the dosing chamber to a defined partial quantity of preparation, wherein the dosing chamber is being movable between a filling position, in which it is to be filled with preparation from the chamber (16), and a dispensing position in which the preparation from the dosing chamber-(52) is to be discharged from the dosing device, characterized in that the volume of the dosing chamber (52) is adjustable in order to set the defined partial quantity of preparation to be dispensed from the dosing device.

2. (currently amended) The dosing Dosing device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the volume of the dosing chamber-(52) can be adjusted smoothly or stepwise.

3. (currently amended) The dosing Dosing device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein movably mounted on the dosing element is a pusher (32), the head (50) of which is movable back and forth in the dosing chamber-(52) in order to vary the volume thereof.

4. (currently amended) The dosing Dosing device according to claim 3, characterized in that wherein a threaded spindle (38) by means of which the position of the pusher-(32) can be varied is provided on the dosing element.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The dosing Dosing device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the dosing element is a dosing slide-(22) which is movable in the channel (20) between its filling position and its dispensing position.

8. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim [[1]]7, characterized in that wherein the dosing slide-(22) is preferably biased into its filling position by a compression spring and is movable into its dispensing position counter to the biasing force.

9. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the dosing element is a rotary slide which is rotatable in a receptacle between its filling position and its dispensing position.

10. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim [[1]]7 or 9, characterized in that wherein the dosing chamber-(52) provided on the dosing slide-(22) or rotary slide is in the form of a through-opening, one open end of which is aligned with an outlet opening-(18) of the chamber-(16) in the filling position while the other open end thereof is aligned with a dispensing opening-(28) in the dispensing position, the open ends being sealed off by the base-(12) and the plate-(24) in the intermediate positions of the slide.

11. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein a storage container containing the pharmaceutical preparation is releasably fixable to the dosing device, said storage container filling the chamber-(16) with the preparation.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the dosing device is made from a plastics material and is preferably constructed as an injection molded part, the plastics material optionally being suitable for autoclaving.

15-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) Method ~~A method~~ of dosing, particularly self-dosing, small-particled

pharmaceutical preparations, particularly preparations in the form of pellets, granules or extruded materials, by the user immediately before taking the preparation, comprising; wherein storing a larger quantity of the preparation is stored in a chamber-(16), transferring a defined partial quantity of the preparation is transferred from the chamber-(16) into a dosing chamber-(52) of a variable given volume, the volume of the dosing chamber having releasably fixed volume inserts with different external dimensions in order to set the volume of the dosing chamber to a defined partial quantity of preparation,(52) and dispensing the partial quantity of the preparation contained in the dosing chamber-(52) is dispensed ready for taking, characterized in that the volume of the dosing chamber-(52) before being filled with the preparation is adjusted in order to preset the partial amount to be dispensed.

18. (canceled)